

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Appl. No.: 10/053,554

Attorney Docket No.: Q68228

**REMARKS**

This Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2004, and supplemental to the Amendment filed August 19, 2004, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 7-14, 16-24, 29, 30 and 32-40 are now all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7-14, 16-24, 29, 30, 32-35, and 37-40 have been allowed. Claim 36 has been rejected. Claim 36 has been amended to recite the subject matter of former claim 15, which the Examiner indicated contains allowable subject matter. Therefore, claim 36 should now be deemed allowable. Consequently, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

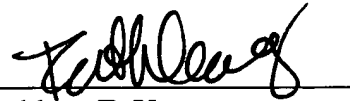
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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